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ENTENTE ALLIES ARE CAUTIOUS

KAISER'S PEACE PROPOSAL NOT WARMLY WELCOMED

Although Moderate Opinion of England Does Not Favor a Too Hasty Rejection.

Called a "CLUMSY TRAP"

French Press Declares Allies Are Too Wise to Swallow Any Such Bait.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The indications are that the governments of the Entente Allies do not intend to act hastily in making joint response to the peace proposals of the Central Powers. It was pointed out in well-informed quarters Wednesday that while each one of the Allied governments might indicate its general attitude, consultation among the Allies under the treaty binding them to such action probably would require two or three weeks.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Although little confidence is shown in London that any result will come from the peace proposal of the Central powers and the opinion prevails quite generally that the time is not opportune, even to discuss terms, there is an undercurrent of feeling that something would be gained by making the allies' attitude definitely with the object of the belligerents. The attitude of the British government toward the offer will be made known in the House of Commons Thursday provided sufficient time shall have elapsed to permit consultation with Great Britain's allies, and this statement is awaited with the greatest interest.

If the press which supports the administration correctly interprets official opinion little time will be taken up by consideration of the move of Germany and its allies, although the moderate opinion of the country does not favor too hasty rejection of the overtures. It is believed the German people, once they are acquainted with the objects of the Entente, might be more inclined towards peace and that for that reason, if for no other, the terms of the Entente should be made known officially to the Central powers.

The possibility that President Wilson will make some suggestion when forwarding the offer also is much discussed. It is intimated that he might at least express willingness to convey the terms of the Entente to the Central powers.

The report is current here that Emperor William is about to announce the granting of a parliamentary form of government to Germany.

CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH CALLED CLUMSY TRAP

PARIS, Dec. 13.—A clumsy trap, is the caption under which the morning papers print Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag. "The time for feints is over," says the Petit Journal.

"We are no longer in the presence of the trial efforts of those persistent appeals to interviewers and newspaper articles, Chancellor von Hollweg summoned the Reichstag not to hear his speech, but to be confronted with an act. We do not know if at Berlin there are people so naive as to swallow this clumsy bait, even on the morrow of the events in Roumania. In any case Field Marshal von Hindenburg's statement shows that the military cherished no such illusion. What is still more certain is that the treacherous German move aims at something else than genuine peace. It seeks an internal and external effect. In Germany it is intended to convince the people that the government is not responsible for the sacrifices imposed and that its adversaries are responsible for the continuation of the struggle. Abroad it desires to persuade neutrals that the Allies are pursuing a policy of ambition. That is the explanation of the pretended moderation in the tone of the speech.

"The speech merely emphasized essential weakness which temporary successes cannot hide," the Petit Journal continues. "It is because Germany knows it cannot win that it desires to end the war. Its plan, however, is doomed. It will fall before the inevitable resolution of the Allies."

The Matin characterizes the peace proposals as "mere talk."

DEFINITE PROPOSALS NOT YET DISCLOSED

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Although Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg did not disclose the definite proposals on which Germany and its allies are prepared to make peace in his speech before the Reichstag, such proposals are ready and will be communicated to the Entente powers if the chancellor's offer should fall upon responsive ears. In the corridors of the Reichstag, where, after the historic twenty-minute session, the members gathered in keen discussion of the chancellor's speech, the general opinion expressed was that the union would be advantageous to Germany, whether or not the chancellor's offer was accepted by the Entente Allies.

Some of the opponents of the chancellor are opposed to any move in the direction of peace except on the basis of "we to be conquered." Most members of the Reichstag, however, expressed the opinion that the emperor's decision was wise and timely, and

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TWO AIRMEN NOW IN AMERICA PLAN TO CROSS ATLANTIC IN TWENTY HOURS



Lieutenant Nyegaard (left) and Captain Sundstedt.

Lieut. Kjell Nyegaard of the French flying corps and Capt. Hugo Sundstedt, the famous Swedish flyer, arrived in New York from France a few days ago, bent on making a transatlantic flight in an airplane next spring. The aviators will have a machine built in this country this winter. They plan to start at Newfoundland and make the Irish coast in twenty hours.

ACTING CORONER SUMMONS A JURY

VILLA

Announces He Intends to Send His Forces to Loot Property on Border.

EL PASO, Dec. 13.—Francisco Villa announced in Chihuahua City he intended to divide his men into groups of twenty-five each and distribute them along the American border and in the interior of the United States in a state of war with Mexico. The question was raised in a suit filed by Adjutant General E. S. Bryant to obtain war time pay while acting as assistant adjutant general from the time the Ohio National Guard was mobilized for Mexican border service until he was recently promoted to be adjutant general. The war time pay of the assistant adjutant general is about double that received in times of peace.

WAR QUESTION

Is Put Up to the Ohio State Supreme Court for a Decision.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 13.—The supreme court of Ohio was Wednesday upon to decide whether the United States is in a state of war with Mexico. The question was raised in a suit filed by Adjutant General E. S. Bryant to obtain war time pay while acting as assistant adjutant general from the time the Ohio National Guard was mobilized for Mexican border service until he was recently promoted to be adjutant general. The war time pay of the assistant adjutant general is about double that received in times of peace.

SUIT DROPPED

And Immunity from Prosecution is Promised by the Defendant in Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Following a conference of lawyers and detectives the \$200,000 alienation suit of Roger B. Cornell against Colonel John Lambert, millionaire steel man of Joliet, Ill., has been dropped. It was reported here.

Cornell, who is said to have confessed that the charge that Colonel Lambert alienated the affections of Mrs. Cornell was without foundation, was promised immunity from prosecution by Colonel Lambert.

PEACE NOTE

Sent by Germany to Neutral Nations Read in the Parliament at Sofia.

SOFIA, Dec. 13.—Premier Radoslavoff read in parliament Wednesday the note delivered to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, expressing the willingness of the Central powers to discuss peace. The house of parliament was thronged and cheers greeted the premier's announcement.

After reading the note the premier said: "Our armies are holding their positions and will continue to fulfill their tasks until further orders."

DAY NURSERY FUND.

Five dollars has been added to the day nursery fund. The latest contributor is V. L. Highland who gave \$5. The fund stands now as follows:
Previously reported.....\$86.50
V. L. Highland..... 5.00
Total.....\$91.50

COUNTY COURT

Qualifies Officers and Looks after Other Public Business of the County.

Robert M. Noon qualified Wednesday before the county court as a constable of Coal district with bond at \$4,000 and Abraham George as deputy. John W. Wadsworth has qualified as a justice of the peace of Eagle district with bond at \$3,500 and John W. Fortney, Francis Robinson and Anna Wadsworth sureties.

The court has made an appropriation of \$2,000 for permanent roads at Adamston.

Basel E. Swiger has qualified as administrator of the estate of Blackburn G. Swiger with bond at \$2,400 and E. D. Lewis surety. The appraisers of the estate are John P. Robey, Bruce Bennett and Robert Rittenhouse.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS

In the Gyergyo Mountains on Eastern Transylvania Front Are Repulsed.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Russian attacks in the Gyergyo mountains on the eastern Transylvanian front were repulsed Tuesday by the Teutonic forces, the war office announces.

In Wallachia Roumanian troops, which re-enforced by Russian cavalry, attempted to make a stand, are now once more in full retreat. More than 4,000 prisoners were taken Tuesday.

LOST VESSELS

Of the Entente Allies during the European War Total 192, Berlin Says.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Including the loss of the French battleship Suffren, says an Overseas News Agency statement, the total losses of the Entente fleet during the war have been 192 vessels, including torpedo boats and submarines with a total tonnage of 744,600. These figures do not include special types of vessels, such as auxiliary and other craft of the merchant marine.

The British navy's share of these losses, says the statement, has been 123 ships and torpedo boats, totalling 563,000 tons.

PAPER MAKERS

Of the United States and Canada Will Meet in New York City Friday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—American and Canadian paper manufacturers, whose representatives proposed distribution of newspaper paper by the federal trade commission as a remedy for the paper shortage, will meet in New York City Friday, instead of at Washington, it was announced today, to name a committee to confer here Saturday with committees of publishers and jobbers and members of the trade commission. The trade commission could not possibly reach Washington by Friday. Publishers will meet here to name their committee Friday as planned.

The trade commissioners are studying the situation today in an effort to have the distribution plan ready at Saturday's conference.

INFANTRY UNITS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Establishment of infantry units of the reserve officers training corps was authorized Wednesday by the war department in several institutions throughout the country, including the West Virginia University at Morgantown.

MAKES TRIP.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—Major General George W. Goethals, former governor of the Panama canal zone, who visited Pittsburgh this week, found time during his brief stay to make a short trip up the Monongahela river. He was accompanied by Lieut. Col. Edgar Jadin, officer in charge of the United States army corps of engineers in this district. The trip was made on the government survey boat Kittanning. Major General Goethals was much interested in the facilities for unloading coal at various steel plants along the river.

WHEAT TRADERS ADOPTING ATTITUDE OF WAITING NOW

VAN DYKE'S POEM ON FRANCE CALLED UNNEUTRAL BY GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS



Dr. Henry van Dyke, his daughter Katrina and pet dog.

Henry van Dyke, American ambassador to Holland who has just resigned his post, is the author of a poem which was recently published in the Art World, and which has been called unneutral by German sympathizers in this country. It is entitled "The Name of France." The poem follows:

THE NAME OF FRANCE.
"Give us a name to fill the mind
With the shining thoughts that lead mankind,
The glory of learning, the joy of art,
A name that tells of a splendid part
In the long, long toll and the strenuous fight
Of the human race to win its way
From the ancient darkness into the day
Of freedom, brotherhood, equal rights,
A name like a star, a name of light,
I give you France!"

"Give us a name to stir the blood
With a warmer glow and a swifter flood
At the touch of a courage that conquers fear—
A name like the call of a trumpet, clear
And silver-sweet and iron-strong
That brings three million men to their feet,
Ready to march and steady to meet
The foe who threatens that name with wrong—
A name that rings like a battle-song,
I give you France!"

"Give us a name to move the heart,
With the strength that noble griefs impart—
A name that speaks of the blood outpoured
To save mankind from the sway of the sword—
A name that calls the world to share
The burden of sacrificial strife
Where the cause at stake is the world's free life
And the rule of the people everywhere—
A name like a vow, a name like a prayer—
I give you France!"

STRIKING CONVICTS ARE SENT TO WORK

Sheriff Has Guards Take Them to Road Job, Saying the Charges Are Baseless.

The strike of county road convicts was declared off Wednesday morning so far as Sheriff Ross F. Stout was concerned, despite threats of prisoners that they would not work. The sheriff had the guards take the entire crew of twenty to its accustomed place of work on the hill between Grassell and Bridgeport with instructions to put every man on the job. Those who refused to work were to be kept there anyway.

Fourteen of the strikers signed a statement and sent it to the Telegram for publication Wednesday. In substance, it is as follows:

"Editors Clarksburg Telegram, Sirs: Kindly publish. For the following reasons: First, unable to exist and work on the amount of food and kind furnished by the sheriff. Second, being abused by the guards, of which there seems to be a continual agitation of trouble, always making trouble among prisoners; Third, having insufficient clothes to withstand weather of present time. The following signatures on opposite side wish the following statement published and ask the assistance of the public to better our conditions.

"The following names that appear below mean to stick to a finish, regardless of punishment, and to refuse to work under the abuse.

"T. R. SHIELDS, will stick.
"FRED WILLIAMS, will stick.
"G. BARTLETT, will stick.
"THOMAS J. JENKINS, JR., will stick.
"J. FRANKLIN, will stick.
"E. L. MATEENEY, will stick.
"ACY MCINTIRE, will stick."

WHISKEY IS POURED OUT.

All the complaints of the prisoners were again denied Wednesday at the sheriff's office, it being declared that the strike had been engineered by three men, who have been chronic trouble makers. Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe showed a representative of the Telegram articles of clothing which have furnished the prisoners by the sheriff. Among them were heavy, fleece-lined underwear, strong working shoes of thick leather, best quality of heavy gum boots and heavy overalls. The overalls are put on over the clothes brought to the jail by the prisoners. It was stated that the men have been given humane treatment and as good clothing and food as are given in any penal institution, if not better.

TUBERCULOSIS FATAL.

At the instance of Sheriff Ross F. Stout, Aaron Wilson, colored janitor of the court house, poured twenty-nine pints of whiskey into the sewer there Wednesday morning. The liquor had been seized in prohibition law cases. The pouring was witnessed by Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner, Guy Harbert, Harrison Fletcher and others.

Miss Susie Lesark, aged 15 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lesark, of Pinnickinck mines, died at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

On Market in Chicago Pending Any Decided Fresh Peace Developments.

STOCK MARKET STRONGER

Bethlehem Steel Adds Fourteen Points to Loss of Twenty-Seven Tuesday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Wheat traders seemed to have largely adopted a waiting attitude Wednesday pending any decided fresh development regarding peace. The market opened unchanged to two and one-quarter cents higher, reflecting to some extent the outlook against any immediate cessation of hostilities.

May wheat, in which most of the trading was done, started at \$1.65½ to \$1.67, the same as Tuesday's finish, to one and one-fourth cents up.

MANY RECOVERIES ON STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Numerous substantial recoveries from Tuesday's extreme depression were registered at Wednesday's opening of the stock market although here and there evidence of further liquidation was seen. Bethlehem Steel added fourteen points to Tuesday's loss of twenty-seven, but this was the most striking exception to the general improvement.

PROTOCOL

Is Said Not to Have Unqualified Approval of General Carranza.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Persons arriving here Wednesday from Queretaro, who are believed to be in a position to open and hear, give a strong impression that General Carranza has not approved unqualifiedly the protocol submitted to him as a result of the discussion between the Mexican and American commissioners at Atlantic City.

REPLY

Of Germany in the Lanau Sinking Case Contents That the Act Was Justified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Germany's reply to the American inquiry on the sinking of the American steamer Lanau by a German submarine on Cape Vincent October 28, received at the state department Wednesday, contends the sinking was justified because the vessel carried contraband and was not in fact an American ship, but had been transferred to Norwegian owners.

TRENCHES TAKEN

By Russian Troops in the Region of the Trotus Valley in Roumania.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—Russian troops Tuesday captured a line of Teuton trenches on a line to the south of Augusula in the region of the Trotus valley of Roumania, according to an official statement issued Wednesday by the Russian war office. Teuton counter attacks in an effort to regain the lost positions were repulsed with heavy losses, the statement adds.

Roumanian forces took the offensive south of the Mizil-Buzau high road Tuesday and captured a row of villages, the Russian announcement says. It is on being counter-attacked the Roumanians were forced to retire. The Roumanian army at present occupies a front along a line from Buzau, Sargina and Urzicheni.

ONE KILLED

And Another Probably Fatally Injured by an Explosion in Powder Plant.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 13.—E. D. Hamilton, of Akron, Ohio, was killed, and William Stalk, of New York, was perhaps fatally injured, by an explosion in the plant of the Hercules Powder Company near here Wednesday. The men were guards on the outside of the building and were struck by flying timbers.

MEASLES BREAK OUT.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 13.—Resulting from the outbreak of eight cases of measles, a warning has been issued by the city health department to all physicians, school teachers and parents for the prompt reporting of all suspected cases. Seven cases in the East Side public schools have been traced to a child who brought the disease from Rosebud. Rigid quarantines have been imposed by health officers.